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Applicant: Roger, SPINK et al.

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement of March 11, 2003, the Applicants hereby elect Species I, wherein the light directing structure includes a rotating switching element. Exemplary rotating switching elements are shown in Figures 3 and 4, and the installation of such rotating switching elements in beam paths is shown in, for example, Figures 24 and 27. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 11 are generic, and that claims 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, and 14 read on the elected subject matter.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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